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STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION

Corrigendum

1. Page 5, paragraph 21, last line

For LOS/PCN/144 read LOS/PCN/145

2. Page 11

(a) After paragraph 43, insert

44. During the closing meeting of this session of the Preparatory Commission, the representative of Fiji, speaking on behalf of the States that had ratified or acceded to the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, noted that this group of States had played a very constructive and statesmanlike role in facilitating the resolution of outstanding issues relating to Part XI.

45. He also stated that, with respect to the deferment of the first election of the members of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea, the group of States that had ratified or acceded to the Convention had requested him to make the following statement:

"(i) That the prerogative to take a decision on this matter of deferment of the election rests with those who will be States parties to the Convention after 16 November 1994;

"(ii) That any postponement that is agreed to must be a one-time-only postponement of the first election for the membership of the Tribunal;

"(iii) That while we have not yet agreed on a recommendation on the period of deferment, it must not, however, exceed a reasonable period. The group will not entertain a long delay."

46. The Preparatory Commission took note of the above statement.

(b) Renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.